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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Howard PREISSMAN

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: ENHANCED VISIBILITY MATERIALS
FOR IMPLANTATION IN HARD TISSUE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Continuation Application of U.S. Serial Number 09/420,093 filed October 18, 1999, which is a Divisional Application of U.S. Serial Number 08/950,256 filed October 14, 1997, "ENHANCED VISIBILITY MATERIALS FOR IMPLANTATION IN HARD TISSUE" (copy of application as filed attached). Please amend the Application prior to consideration as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-32, without prejudice.

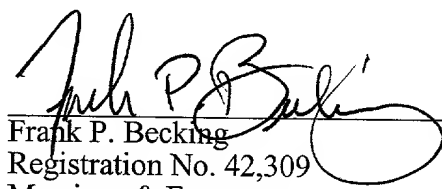
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 5, 2001

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